IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

CARLOS GARCIA PEREZ, et al.

Plaintiffs

CIVIL NO. 97-1703(JAG)

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ALVARO SANTAELLA, et al.

Defendants

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, attorney Marta E. Vilá-Báez, on behalf of co-defendant Presbyterian Community Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Ashford Presbyterian Community Hospital and respectfully informs and requests as follows:

1. The instant case has been reassigned to the undersigned attorney, an associate of Sánchez-Betances & Sifre, P.S.C., in substitution of Luis Villares-Sarmiento in order to join the legal representation of co-defendant Ashford Presbyterian Community Hospital.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that this Honorable Court grants this motion allows attorney Marta E. Vilá-Báez to represent the above mentioned co-defendant along with attorney Angel R. De Corral-Julia, primary counsel for the Ashford Presbyterian Community Hospital.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 8th day of September 2004.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following: Andrés Guillemard, Esq., Nachman, Guillemard & Rebollo, P. O. Box 9949, San Juan, PR 00908, Pedro J. Córdova, Esq., P.O. Box 9023998, San Juan, PR 00902-3998, Angel de Corral, Esq., De Corral & De Mier, 130 Eleanor Roosevelt, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918-3105, Ramonita Dieppa, Esq., P. O. Box 9023933, San Juan, PR 00902-3933, José Héctor Vivas, Esq., P. O. Box 951, Ponce, PR 00733-0951, Doris Quiñones Tridas, Esq., 113 Padre Las Casas, Suite 601, Urb. El Vedado, San Juan, PR 00918-3116,Roberto Ruiz Comas, Esq., Andalucía 406 (Altos), Puerto Nuevo, PR 00920, Igor J. Domínguez, Esq., El Monte Mall, Suite 22, Hato Rey, PR 00918, Pedro Toledo González, Esq., Julio Bogoricin Bldg., Suite L-06, Lobby, 1606 Ponce de León Ave., Santurce, PR 00909, Alexis D. Mattei Barrios, Otero & López, LLP, PO Box 9023933, San Juan, PR 00902-3933.

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